

**CLAIMS**

1. Cosmetic preparations, characterized in that they contain an effective quantity of glycyrrhetic acid and glycyrrhetic acid derivatives.
2. Preparations as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that they 5 contain glycyrrhetic acid derivatives selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanol-ammonium, glucammonium and zinc salts of glycyrrhetic acid, the esters of glycyrrhetic acid with linear or branched aliphatic alcohols containing 1 to 18 carbon atoms and the full or partial esters of glycyrrhetic acid with 10 polyols containing 2 to 15 carbon atoms and at least 2 hydroxyl groups.
3. Preparations as claimed in claims 1 and/or 2, characterized in that they contain an extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*.
4. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that they contain the potassium, ammonium and/or zinc 15 salt of glycyrrhetic acid or glycyrrhetic acid esters with C<sub>16-18</sub> fatty alcohols.
5. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that they contain the glycyrrhetic acid or glycyrrhetic acid derivatives in quantities of 0.1 to 5% by weight, based on the preparation.
6. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 5, 20 characterized in that they additionally contain antibacterial or antibiotic components selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid and derivatives thereof, benzoyl peroxide, hexachlorophene, dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, 2,2',2'-nitrilotriethanol salts, dexpanthenol, resorcinol, erythromycin, coal tar (ichthyol) and fine-particle 25 sulfur and mixtures thereof.
7. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that they contain the antibacterial or antibiotic components in quantities of 0.1 to 5% by weight, based on the preparation.
8. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 7, 30 characterized in that they contain the glycyrrhetic acid or glycyrrhetic acid

derivatives on the one hand and the antibacterial or antibiotic components on the other hand in a ratio by weight of 10:90 to 90:10.

9. Preparations as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that they contain the glycyrrhetic acid or glycyrrhetic acid derivatives and optionally the antibacterial or antibiotic components in microencapsulated form.

10. The use of glycyrrhetic acid and/or glycyrrhetic acid derivatives for the production of cosmetic preparations.